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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2007–08 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 112**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Wolk**  
*(Principal coauthors: Assembly Members Evans and Nakanishi)*  
*(Principal coauthor: Senator Wiggins)*

January 8, 2007

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An act to add and repeal Section 97.5 of the Streets and Highways Code, relating to highways.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 112, as amended, Wolk. Highways: Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zones.

Existing law establishes standards for the designation of a highway or road segment as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone and requires the Department of Transportation to conduct an evaluation of the zones that will terminate the same calendar year.

This bill would *state various findings regarding the State Highway Route 12 corridor and would*, upon approval of specified county resolutions and until January 1, 2012, designate the segment of State Highway Route 12 between the State Highway Route 80 junction in Solano County and the State Highway Route 5 junction in San Joaquin County as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. The Legislature hereby finds and declares all of*  
2     *the following:*

3     *(a) The collective goal of the Department of the California*  
4     *Highway Patrol, the Department of Transportation, the Solano*  
5     *Transportation Authority, the County of Solano, the San Joaquin*  
6     *Council of Governments, the Solano County Sheriff's Department,*  
7     *and local traffic and safety personnel from the County of Solano*  
8     *and the Cities of Fairfield, Rio Vista, and Suisun City is to improve*  
9     *safety on the State Highway Route 12 corridor by reducing traffic*  
10    *accidents, injuries, and fatalities.*

11    *(b) During the last decade, the collision and fatality rate on*  
12    *State Highway Route 12 has increased from 60 percent to over*  
13    *100 percent of the statewide average for similar routes.*

14    *(c) Since 2001, there have been 802 collisions, 494 injuries,*  
15    *and 21 fatalities on State Highway Route 12, including three fatal*  
16    *accidents in 2006 and already three fatal accidents in 2007.*

17    *(d) The Department of the California Highway Patrol has*  
18    *prioritized State Highway Route 12 as one of its top requests for*  
19    *safety corridor project funding for 2007–08. Although this*  
20    *prioritization will help in the short-term, more needs to be done.*

21    *(e) The Department of Transportation is in the process of*  
22    *constructing 12.7 miles of horizontal and vertical curve*  
23    *corrections, shoulder widening, median and shoulder rumble strips,*  
24    *and pavement rehabilitation. In addition, the Solano*  
25    *Transportation Authority, in partnership with the Department of*  
26    *Transportation, is evaluating the long-term need for a concrete*  
27    *median barrier. However, these safety enhancements cannot be*  
28    *delivered soon enough to assuage the potential for more horrific*  
29    *collisions and fatalities.*

30    *(f) Therefore, it is the intent of the Legislature to establish a*  
31    *double-fine zone on the State Highway Route 12 corridor as part*  
32    *of a short-term solution to raise public awareness and curb*  
33    *collisions, injuries, and fatalities, until the construction of safety*  
34    *enhancements is completed.*

35    ~~SECTION 1.~~

36    *SEC. 2. Section 97.5 is added to the Streets and Highways*  
37    *Code, to read:*

1     97.5. (a) The segment of State Highway Route 12 between  
2 the State Highway Route 80 junction in Solano County and the  
3 State Highway Route 5 junction in San Joaquin County shall be  
4 designated as a Safety Enhancement-Double Fine Zone upon the  
5 approval of resolutions in that regard by the counties in which the  
6 segment is located.

7     (b) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1, 2012,  
8 and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute, that  
9 is enacted before January 1, 2012, deletes or extends that date.